REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 are rejected by the Examiner. Claims 5 and 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bruckert (5,920,549) and Gosh (6,018,667), and claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected further in view of Willy (6,138,034). In rejecting claims 5 and 7, Examiner notes that "synchronized base stations imply that the paging channels substantially overlap."

Applicant has cancelled all claims, and substituted claims 12-14 for examination and allowance. Applicants note that the cited prior art, individually or in combination do not disclose nor suggest each and every limitations of the claims 12-14.

Although it is true by nature that when two base stations are synchronized, the transmissions from such base stations may be referenced to a common timing, and thus, the transmission timing may not drift from each other. Such synchronization does not necessary, as Examiner notes, imply the transmissions [of paging channels] substantially overlap. For example, claim 12, a system for transmitting and receiving paging channels is claimed. The system includes a base station controller for formatting a quick page for transmission on a number of quick paging channels from a corresponding number of base stations over substantially overlapping quick page time slots. The cited prior art does not suggest individually or in combination nor discloses transmission of a quick page [the same message] from a number of quick paging channels from a corresponding number of base stations. Different quick page messages may be transmitted from different quick page channels from corresponding number of base stations, but the cited prior art does not suggest individually or in combination nor discloses the same quick page transmitted from a number of quick paging channels from a corresponding number of base stations.

Furthermore, the system includes transmission of a page message on a number of paging channels from corresponding said number of base stations over substantially overlapping page channel time slots. The cited prior art does not suggest individually or in combination nor discloses transmission of a page [the same message] from a number

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of paging channels from a corresponding number of base stations. Different page messages may be transmitted from different page channels from corresponding number of base stations, but the cited prior art does not suggest individually or in combination nor discloses the same page transmitted from a number of paging channels from a corresponding number of base stations.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

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